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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION EQUIPMENT

REF: (A) STATE 124920; (B) RANGOON 1270

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPT'S QUICK RESPONSE WHICH SHOULD ALLOW US TO MEET GUB DESIRE TO COMPLETE EXCHANGE OF NOTES BY JUNE 15. WILL ADVISE BY PRIORITY CABLE ON PRESS AND PUBLICITY ASPECT AS SOON AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH GUB.

2. CONFIRMING TEXT, SECOND AND THIRD SENTENCES OF OPENING PARA OF OUR NOTE, WITH BLANKS FILLED, NOW READ QTE IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE PROGRAM OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF BURMA FOR SUCH SUPPRESSION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE, ON A GRANT BASIS, SIX UH-1H (BELL 205A) HELICOPTERS, TOGETHER WITH SPARE PARTS AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT, AT AN APPROXIMATE COST OF \$3.6 MILLION, TO BE DELIVERED AS PRODUCTION SCHEDULES PERMIT DURING THE PERIOD JULY-DECEMBER 1975. SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS, TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THE CONTINUING NATURE OF THE REQUIREMENT, AND TO THE ESTABLISHED OPERATIONAL UTILITY OF SUCH
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AIRCRAFT FOR NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION PURPOSES, THE UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED SUBSEQUENTLY TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TWELVE HELICOPTERS, TOGETHER WITH SPARE PARTS AND AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT, TO BE DELIVERED DURING FISCAL YEARS 1976-1977. UNQTE

3. WE ARE FAVORABLE IN PRINCIPLE TO SUGGESTED VISIT BY HALL TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF PIO/C, AT A TIME TO BE DETERMINED. WE HAVE ALSO IDENTIFIED A KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUAL WITHIN MACTHAI WHO COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION WITH THE GUB FOR MAINTENANCE PLANNING. HOWEVER BEFORE FINAL DECISION WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S REACTION TO CONSIDERATIONS OUTLINED REF B PARA 7.

4. ACTION REQUESTED (FOR BANGKOK): CAN YOU HELP US WITH SET OF TECHNICAL ORDERS (REF A PARA 2)? WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR POUCHING COPIES OF PROAG, PIO/C, AND ANY OTHER MATERIAL ON HELICOPTERS SUPPLIED TO RGT WHICH WOULD BE USEFUL TO US IN WORKING OUT DETAILS OF BURMA PROGRAM..OSBORN

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